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IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT REPORTER RONALD A. JAVERS OBSERVED AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL SHOOT DON HARRIS, NBC, AT POINT BLANK RANGE AFTER HE, HARRIS, LAY ON THE GROUND FROM A PREVIOUS GUNSHOT. JAVERS ALSO OBSERVED THIS INDIVIDUAL SHOOT NBC CAMERAMAN ROBERT BROWN IN SIMILAR FASHION.

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DARK SKINNED, 21 TO 23 YEARS, THIN WIRY BUILD, 5'10" TO 5'11", WITH A SHARP INDIAN-LOOKING NOSE, OBSERVED SHOOTING TYPE OF WEAPON: UNKNOWN. WILSON REPORTEDLY WENT TO PORT KITUMA AND INDICATED HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE JONESTOWN AND WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THIS SITUATION ;

STANLEY GIEG, IDENTIFIED AS DRIVER OF THE TRACTOR PULLING TRAILER ON WHICH GUNMEN WERE RIDING.

NONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY GUYANESE AUTHORITIES. ADDITIONALLY, NONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD PERSONAL INFORMATION RE SPECIFIC PLOT DIRECTED TOWARDS CONGRESSMAN RYAN. HOWEVER, SOME INFORMATION DEVELOP ED

THAT FORMER MEMBERS WERE AWARE OF REVOLUTIONARY MASS SUICIDE PACT AMONG PEOPLES TEMPLE MEMBERS IN EVENT THEIR ORGANIZATION WAS DISCREDITED. ALSO, INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT SOME RETALIATORY ACTIO N

BY JONES AND A SELECT FEW, WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR GROUP BEING DISCREDITED.

INTERVIEW BY FBI WITH MISS SPEIER WILL BE CONDUCTED EARLY EVENING, NOVEMBER 28, 1978, ASSUMING HER CONDITION REMAINS STABLE. MISS SPEIER CURRENTLY SUFFERING FROM EXTENSIVE GUNSHOT WOUNDS IN LEFT SHOULDER, THIGHS AND ELBOW OF LEFT ARM, WHICH WILL REQUIRE EXTENSIVE RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY.

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